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Agricultural Trade
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has envisaged the need to constitute separate Boards for development of turmeric, tamarind, mango and banana/plantain trade in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government for the development of the said trade;
(c) the details of the assistance/support given by the Government for the trade of turmeric, tamarind, mango and banana/ plantain; and
(d) the total revenue generated through the trade of the said produce through both domestic trade and export during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): Presently, there is no proposal for establishing separate Boards for development of turmeric, tamarind, mango and banana/plantain trade in the country, as several departments/organizations are already working on various aspects relating to development, research, export and market promotion of these crops. Constitution of separate Boards may result in multiplication of agencies and programmes.

(c) & (d): Government implements various schemes/programmes for promoting trade of these crops and provides financial assistance for development, research, programmes such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM)/Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, creation of water resources, micro irrigation, post harvest management, infrastructure development, value addition, quality improvement & branding and also trade promotion including participation in domestic/international fairs. Information regarding total revenue generated through the trade of turmeric, tamarind, mango and Banana/plantain etc is not centrally maintained. Export figures of these crops for the last three years is at Annexure 1.

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Annexure 1
Statement showing export of turmeric, tamarind, mango and banana/plantain during last three years
Export (Rs. in Crores)

Year	Turmeric	Tamarind	Mangoes, Fresh/Dried	Banana including Plantain
2013-14	666.76	94.40	285.43	155.97
2014-15	744.35	89.19	302.54	244.57
2015-16	921.65	102.85	317.10	360.23